



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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**Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair  
Tara B. White  
Michele Shalaby  
Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of March 24, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Nathaniel Yohalem, Chairman  
Tara B. White  
Michele Shalaby

**Others Present:** Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant  
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:06 p.m.**

The Board read the minutes of March 17, 2014. **After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014 meeting.**

**Office Hours** – Selectmen will revisit this issue on April 14 and will discuss Selectmen's hours to discuss/answer questions regarding warrants and the annual report.

**Summary of March 20 Finance Committee Meeting** – Discussion took place regarding two highway trucks and a new fire truck. Rob McDermott will meet with the Fire Department and Fire Chief on March 25 to look at the equipment and send a report to ISO Management for review of equipment. Michael will ask Rob McDermott have a written report available by April 4.

The Finance Committee did not recommend "Building Inspector's Expenses" of \$7400 for on-line permitting system. It was noted that contractors would prefer a face-to-face meeting with the Building Inspector. It was recommended that this be put in the warrant as a Special Article.

**Budgets**

**A motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve "Group Insurance" as amended to \$137,000.**

**A motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve the SBRSD Capital at \$83,703.00.**

**A motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve the SBRSD Operating Budget at \$2,422,293 and not \$2,425,293 (as approved by the Finance Committee), due to a mistake in addition.**

**A motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve the “Assessors Cyclical Re-inspection” as a new account for \$10,000.**

**Affordable Housing** – A letter was received from the Department of Housing and Community Development for affordable housing, and we have listed zero. We have 692 housing units and no affordable housing. HUD wishes us to verify these figures.

**Land Auction Saturday March 29, 2014 at 10 a.m.** – A list has been prepared of the three properties and the total amount that will be owed as of Saturday, including attorneys fees, commissions, etc.

**Lease for the Fire Company Garage** – The first paragraph needs to be revised. Dave Smith to make changes to lease. Fire Company will sign two copies and deliver them to Town Hall. .

**Review of Highway Superintendent** – Mike will do it next week.

**David Ralph Building Permit Application** – Police Dept. will approve as long as Fire Dept. approves and is able to access the property. Chuck Loring needs to follow up with Mr. Ralph. Need water testing results in writing from the Board of Health.

**Clerk of the Works Foley Bridge Project** – Mr. Landers has resigned. Chuck Loring will take Mr. Lander’s place as the Clerk of the Works and work under the direction of BSC. This will be discussed with Erica Kreuter of MassWorks/DOT on Thursday, March 27. There should be no further expenses added on the budget.

**Foley Bridge Closing** – Will be closed for construction effective Monday, March 31, 2014. Press releases have been sent out announcing the bridge closing as well as signs posted at the library, Post Office in Southfield and Mill River, General Store in Southfield and Mill River as well as Maggie’s List.

**Clayton Mill River Culvert Repair Project** – Approximately \$6,000 has been expended to date.

**Assessor’s Stipend** - **A motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve level funding for the Assessor’s Stipend.**

**Salaries** – Discussion has been postponed until the next Selectmen’s meeting.

**Winter Roads** - has not been approved because there is no breakdown of the \$12,659. Chuck Loring must break down this number before “Winter Roads” are approved.

**Animal Controller’s Expenses** – Health insurance has already been approved.

**Emergency Management Salary** was approved at \$4,250.

**Firefighters Stipend** – has been reduced by \$10,000 due to changes in EMT stipends. EMT stipends will be paid out of New Marlborough Rescue Expenses account.

**March 31, 2014 Meeting** – There will be a budget work session, prior to the Selectmen's Meeting, beginning at 5 p.m. to discuss budgets.

**Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary